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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, MARR, UNSC, LE, IS, XF
SUBJECT: UNIFIL WILL CONTACT HADDAD

REF: JERUSALEM 1356

1. IN RESPONSE TO SIILASVUO'S REPORT OF HIS MAY 12 MEETING
WITH EITAN AND ISRAELI SUGGESTION THAT UNIFIL DEAL DIRECTLY
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WITH HADDAD, (REFTEL), UNNY HAS AUTHORIZED ERSKINE TO MAKE
PRELIMINARY CONTACTS WITH HADDAD "ON PURELY PRAGMATIC BASIS."
UNNYHAS NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO GET HADDAD'S
VIEWS ON UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT PLANNING WITHOUT REVEALING TO HIM
ANY UNIFIL THINKING.

2. AS TO UNIFIL THINKING REGARDING FUTURE OF CHRISTIAN

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ENCLAVES, BOTH SIILASVUO AND UNNY APPEAR TO BELIEVE THAT KEY
TO SOLVING THIS PROBLEM IS TO RE-INCORPORATE HADDAD AND HIS
MEN INTO LEBANESE ARMY AND HAVE THEM ACCEPTED BY BEIRUT GOVERN-
MENT. BY THIS DEVICE PRESUMABLY UNIFIL COULD ENTER ENCLAVE
AREAS AFTER IDF WITHDRAWAL AND CO-EXIST WITH HADDAD'S ARMED,
(BUT BY THEN LEGITIMATE LEBANESE) FORCES.

3. UN SOURCE INFORMS US THAT ERSKINE PLANS TO SEND UNIFIL
COLONEL (PROBABLY LT COL LEVERETTE USA) TO SEE HADDAD AT
EARLY DATE. ONE SPECIFIC ITEM WHICH COULD BE RAISED WITH
HADDAD IS NORWEGIAN WISH TO MOVE BATTALION HEADQUARTERS FROM
IBIL ES SAQY TO KHIAM (IN HADDAD'S AREA).

4. UNNY MESSAGE CONCURRED RPT CONCURRED WITH SIILASVUO'S VIEW THAT
THESE CONTACTS WITH HADDAD SHOULD NOT BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR CONTINUED
INSISTENCE THAT ISRAEL IS RESPONSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT AREAS
VACATED BY IDF MUST BE HANDED OVER TO UNIFIL TROOPS.
COMMENT: SIILASVUO EXPRESSED HOPE TO ME THAT US WOULD ALSO
CONTINUE TO PRESS ISRAEL FOR EARLY WITHDRAWAL. END COMMENT.
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